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SUMMARY: PROFESSORS BROMKE AND ROWNEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE ON SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES (ICSEES)  
BRIEFED THE DEPARTMENT APRIL 19 ON BOTH THE STATUS OF SOVIET  
COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN ICSEES'S 1980 CONFERENCE IN  
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GERMANY, AND THE STATUS OF ICSEES'S APPLICATION FOR AFFILIA-  
TION WITH UNESCO. LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN EITHER  
AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING VISIT APRIL 19 PROFESSORS BROMKE AND ROWNEY  
INFORMED DEPARTMENT (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE)  
THAT THEY HAD MADE NO FURTHER PROGRESS IN GAINING SOVIET

COOPERATION IN PLANNING 1980 CONFERENCE OF ICSSSES TO BE HELD IN MUNICH. BROMKE FEELS PROBLEM MAY BE BUREAUCRATIC RATHER THAN A POLICY DECISION ON THE PART OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. HE WILL TRY TO MEET WITH ARBATOV DURING HIS CURRENT STAY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN TO ARBATOV ON THE SUBJECT. HE WILL ALSO BRING THE PROBLEM UP AGAIN WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLEV IN OTTAWA UPON HIS RETURN THERE. BROMKE SAID IF NONE OF THESE APPROACHES WORKS,

HE INTENDS TO PUBLICIZE THE WHOLE STORY, PROBABLY IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE ICSEES NEWSLETTER.

2. ICSEES EXPRESSED CONCERN AS WELL ABOUT THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION WITH UNESCO, WHICH WILL BE DECIDED UPON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS FEEL ICSEES IS COMPETING WITH MAIRSK, THE SOVIET-SPONSORED ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF SLAV CULTURE, WHICH ALREADY HAS UNESCO AFFILIATION. ICSEES HAS ASSURED THE SOVIETS AND APPROPRIATE UNESCO OFFICIALS THIS IS NOT THE CASE. HOWEVER, BROMKE THOUGHT THAT IT IS THIS APPLICATION WHICH CAUSED THE SOVIETS TO DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY FROM 1980 CONFERENCE.

3. ICSEES IS TRYING TO GET SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO PURSUE THE QUESTION OF ICSEES AFFILIATION WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO. (AMBASSADOR BEAULNE, THE CANADIAN PERMREP AT UNESCO, HAS ALREADY AGREED TO COORDINATE THESE EFFORTS.) IN ADDITION TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS, BROMKE EXPRESSED CERTAINTY THAT THE WEST GERMAN AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WILL ALSO SUPPORT THE ICSEES EFFORT AT UNESCO.

4. PROFESSOR ROWNEY HAS BEEN SENDING EMBASSY MOSCOW COPIES OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE ON THESE PROBLEMS. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO POUCH MATERIAL IF EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE IT.

5. FOR MOSCOW: ICSEES WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUPPORT EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE IN CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS CONCERNED.

6. FOR PARIS: IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANT ROLE US ACADEMIC COMMUNITY PLAYS IN SHAPING OUR UNESCO POLICY, PERMDEL SHOULD MAINTAIN FIRM PRESSURE ON SECRETARIAT TO GRANT CATEGORY C STATUS TO ICSEES.  
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